GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2527
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2001
CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to bring the Government Doctors under the scope of Consumer Protection Act (CPA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which a legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d): The Government doctors are being kept outside the purview of the Consumer Protection Act 1986 keeping in view the judgement of the Supreme Court of India dated 13th November, 1995 whereby the Court has held that the Government doctors rendering free services would not fall within the ambit of services under Section 2(1)(O) of the Consumer Protection Act.